

Dr. Forbes then spoke in defence of his conduct, having accepted the decision of the Meeting to hear and adjudicate on his case. He was prepared to withdraw only one of the expressions to which exception had been taken. The Chairman then said that the Committee considered that the whole tone of Dr. Forbes's letters was grossly insulting and that no self-respecting Committee could possibly rest satisfied with the partial apology offered by Dr. Forbes.

Mr. D. A. Bannerman then moved and Mr. C. B. Rickett seconded the following motion :—

“That after consideration of the correspondence between Dr. H. O. Forbes and certain Members of the Committee, this Meeting is of opinion that the conduct of Dr. Forbes has been most improper and unworthy of a Member of the Union, and calls upon him to offer an ample apology and to withdraw his letters or to resign his Membership of the British Ornithologists' Union.”

No Amendment being proposed, this Motion was put to the Meeting and carried, with three dissentients only.

With regard to two further motions of Dr. Forbes, having for their object changes in Rule VII. and Rule XIV. of the Union, the first was negatived and the second withdrawn.

Mr. D. Seth-Smith proposed and Mr. Chase seconded a vote of thanks to the Auditor, Mr. H. Munt. This was duly carried.

Mr. Selater proposed a vote of thanks to the Zoological Society for the use of their offices and rooms during the past year. This was carried unanimously.

Mr. Gladstone proposed and Mr. Elwes seconded a vote of thanks to the Chairman, which was carried.

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#### Erratum.

In Mr. T. Carter's paper, 'Ibis,' 1917, pp. 564 611 :—

p. 573, first line, *for* 1877 *read* 1887.

The telegraph-line was not opened until 1885.